

Torrance, California
November 8, 1955

MINUTES OF A REGULAR MEETING
OF THE TORRANCE CITY COUNCIL

The City Council of the City of Torrance convened in a regular meeting in the Council Chamber, City Hall, Torrance, California, on November 8, 1955, at 8:00 P. M., Mayor Isen presiding.

Those responding to roll call by City Clerk Bartlett were: COUNCILMEN: Benstead, Blount, Drale, Schwab and Isen. Also present were City Manager Stevens and City Attorney Hall.

At the request of Mayor Isen, Administrative Assistant Donald W. Mansfield led the salute to our Flag.

Councilman Mervin Schwab opened the meeting with an invocation.

Mayor Isen at this time extended the sympathy of the Council to Councilman Benstead in the passing of his mother.

City Attorney Hall corrected the minutes of the Council Meeting of November 1, 1955, as follows: At that meeting he was directed to prepare amendments to the Ordinance 614 broadening the powers of the Recreation Commission.

Mayor Isen said the minutes should be corrected to show that the instruction to the City Attorney was to suggest proposed amendments to the City Ordinance to amend the name of the Commission to "Park and Recreation Commission", and to give it power to inquire into the need for parks, the location of parks, the financing of park sites, etc.

Councilman Benstead moved to approve the minutes as corrected. Motion seconded by Councilman Drale, no objection, so ordered.

Mayor Isen said that at the Pre-Council meeting there had been a discussion on the matter of the Municipal Court Judicial District for the City of Torrance. Mr. Boris Woolley, Chairman of the Steering Committee for that purpose had given a report, and Mayor Isen asked if Mr. Woolley would now give the recommendations of that Committee and file the rest of the Report with the City Clerk in order that they might be made a part of the minutes of this meeting.

Mr. Boris Woolley made the following recommendations: "The Committee recommends that a Municipal Court Judicial District be created by the Board of Supervisors for the City of Torrance. That the new Municipal Court building be constructed by the County on a site donated by the City of Torrance in the new Torrance Civic Center." Mr. Woolley then turned his written report over to the City Clerk.

Councilman Drale moved to concur with the recommendations of the Committee, and that the recommendations of that Committee, by Resolution, be sent to the Board of Supervisors of Los Angeles County, the Governor, and County and State representatives.

Motion, seconded by Councilman Benstead, carried unanimously by roll call vote.

Mayor Isen asked City Clerk Bartlett to turn to Item 9a on the Agenda and read it. City Clerk Bartlett read title to:

RESOLUTION NO. 2846

A RESOLUTION OF THE CITY COUNCIL OF THE CITY OF TORRANCE OFFERING TO MAKE AVAILABLE COURT SITE FOR A MUNICIPAL COURT AT THE NEW CIVIC CENTER SITE TO THE COUNTY OF LOS ANGELES AND REQUESTING THE COUNTY BOARD OF SUPERVISORS TO TAKE ACTION ON PREVIOUS REQUESTS OF THE CITY TO ESTABLISH A MUNICIPAL COURT IN THE CITY OF TORRANCE.

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Councilman Benstead moved to dispense with further reading of the Resolution. Motion, seconded by Councilman Blount, carried unanimously by roll call vote.

Councilman Benstead moved for adoption of Resolution No. 2846. Motion, seconded by Mayor Isen, carried unanimously by roll call vote.

Mayor Isen said the same order should be observed with reference to furnishing the various agencies and individuals with copies of Resolution No 2846, passed by the City Council.

Mayor Isen thanked Mr. Woolley and the other members of the Committee for the work they have done thus far on this problem, and further requested that this Committee act as a Steering Committee to publicize the need for a branch of the Superior Court of the County of Los Angeles and the State of California on our Civic Center site. Mayor Isen pointed out that this is purely an honorary Committee, not set up under any of our statutes or ordinances, but that by implied authority as Mayor he had created the Committee for the good of the City.

At Mayor Isen's request, Mr. Woolley discussed very shortly with the Council the urgency of action in connection with this Court. Mr. Woolley said he feels that if the City is to get any action from the Special Session of the Legislature, we will have to act almost immediately. He said we will have to petition the Governor to put this on his Agenda for the Special Session, and for that reason he thinks we should probably go to see the Governor, and make some kind of a recommendation or resolution to the State legislature.

After a short discussion with City Attorney Hall, it was agreed that in view of the urgency of this matter, the Council would adjourn to 5:15 P. M. Thursday, November 10, 1955, to give the City Attorney time enough to prepare the necessary Resolution or whatever material he felt necessary to facilitate this action.

Councilman Benstead moved that the Council go on record as favoring a branch of the Superior Court being established in the City of Torrance. Motion, seconded by Councilman Schwab, carried unanimously by roll call vote.

City Clerk Bartlett
read the following:

WRITTEN COMMUNICATIONS

1. A Notice of Warrant Issued to City Treasurer by the Controller of the State of California in the amount of \$5,511.50, representing the City's share of apportionment of Alcohol Beverage License Fees for the period of March 1, 1955, to August 31, 1955, the Notice being dated October 28, 1955.

This was ordered filed as a matter of record.

2. A notice from the County Regional Planning Commission that a hearing has been set for Thursday, November 17, 1955, at 11:15 A. M. before the Regional Planning Commission in Room 100, 108 West Second Street, Los Angeles. This is for exception to the M-1 (Light Manufacturing) Zone in order to establish, operate and maintain a refuse disposal site and land reclamation project on two parcels. One of these is approximately 83 acres, located on the east side of South Crenshaw Boulevard and the other of approximately 63 acres located on the west side of South Crenshaw Boulevard. Both parcels are approximately 1500 feet north of Palos Verdes Drive North in the Palos Verdes Peninsula district.

Councilman Drale, as the representative of the City to the Sanitation Districts, said that the South Bay Cities will be greatly benefited by this project. It is not planned that any garbage will be dumped at this location, and there will be no smell or disagreeable surroundings. He explained that it is planned to eventually have a park in the area. The site in question is the old Dicalite pit. He expressed the belief that at the present rate of growth of the City of Torrance, the present dump site will be forced out of use in a period of not more than three years.

City Manager Stevens was asked for confirmation of this, and said to expect much more use of the dump would be extremely optimistic. He concurred with the belief that at the present rate of population increase the City will be forced to find a new dump location in a very few years.

Councilman Drale pointed out the fact that the South Bay Cities had voted a 2¢ tax which would serve them well now, as they have accumulated the money necessary for operation of such sites. He said he felt the County Engineer had developed a practical and inexpensive way to serve the City for at least another 25 years in this plan.

Councilman Drale moved that the City Manager reply to this letter and that the communication be filed. Motion seconded by Councilman Schwab no objection, so ordered.

Mayor Isen suggested to the City Manager that he present his reply to the Council at the adjourned meeting of the Council on November 10 at 5:15 P. M.

3. Request of Muscular Dystrophy Associations of America, Inc., to solicit charitable aid within the City of Torrance from December 1 to 31.

City Clerk Bartlett requested that this item be referred to the next regular meeting of the Council. It was so ordered by Mayor Isen.

4. Letter dated October 28, 1955, from the Harbor District Camp Fire Girls requesting use of the Civic Auditorium on Wednesday evening, December 7, 1955, for holding their annual Christmas Program, and asking for waiver of rental and custodial fees.

Councilman Drale moved to grant the request in full, subject to approval of the Recreation Commission.

Motion, seconded by Mayor Isen, carried unanimously by roll call vote of those present.

At this time Councilman Benstead asked if it would not be possible for a written notice of approval to come from the Recreation Commission on items of this nature when the request has been cleared. It was agreed that this would be helpful to the Council. Mayor Isen directed City Clerk Bartlett to give this instruction to the Recreation Commission.

5. Recommendations of the Board of Directors of the Chamber of Commerce on the creation of an Off-Street Parking Assessment District, letter dated November 3, 1955, and signed by Tom V. Watson for the Board of Directors.

Mayor Isen ordered the communication filed, and asked that this be brought up for informal discussion at a meeting with the Off-Street Parking Committee of the Chamber of Commerce at the Pre-Council meeting of November 15, 1955, at 5:00 P. M.

6. Letter from State of California Division of Highways, District VII, dated October 31, 1955, and signed by P. O. Harding, Assistant State Highway Engineer. This replied to letter of October 25, 1955, from George W. Stevens, City Manager, and refused request for traffic signal installation at 230th Street and Hawthorne Boulevard.

Mayor Isen ordered the communication filed.

7. A request from Milton Kauffman - Don Wilson builders that they be permitted to allow buyers to move into homes in Tract 18778 before the streets are completely finished. With this request they submitted a list of the lots affected and a suggested waiver for their buyers to sign before moving in. Letter dated November 3, 1955, and signed by Don Wilson. The reason for this request was explained as being the length of the strike of sand and gravel haulers.

Mr. Wilson was in the audience, and explained that the completion of the streets was indefinitely delayed, as no one can now foresee the end of the strike.

City Manager Stevens was asked for a fill-in on the conditions in the tract. He said that the streets in question are of the native soil

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stabilized with oil. He went on to say that in many areas this is all ever used for roads. He said that due to the nature of the native soil in the area, he could not foresee anything but a safe use of the streets in their present condition. He agreed that the waivers should be signed by all who move into the homes before the streets are finished.

Councilman Blount asked Mr. Wilson how many homes were affected by these streets.

Mr. Wilson replied that as of today it was about ten, but if the strike continues for much longer the figure could be as high as three hundred. He said the homes in question had been almost completely sold for some months, and many buyers will suffer hardship if not allowed to move into the houses when they were ready.

Mayor Isen asked City Attorney Hall if he would prepare a waiver which would hold the City of Torrance free and harmless in this, and the City Attorney agreed to do so.

Mr. Wilson agreed that his company would be glad to have the people who move into the homes sign such a waiver.

Mr. Wilson explained their plan of action on paving the streets. He said where the homes have been occupied before the streets were finished, they would pave the streets with "hot-mix", which sets up in a matter of hours. In areas where the streets are done before the homes are occupied, the streets will be paved in the usual manner. Mr. Wilson promised this would be done speedily when it becomes possible to do so. He added that it is necessary for them to impound with the Veterans' Administration once-and-a-half the amount of money thought to be necessary for this paving until the work is done.

Councilman Drale moved to grant the request subject to the waiver to be prepared by City Attorney Hall and the waiver prepared by Kauffman-Wilson. Motion seconded by Councilman Schwab.

Councilman Benstead asked if the streets in their present condition would "track" into the houses. He was assured that they would not.

Councilman Blount asked to go on record as saying he did not think this action of the Council would be fair to the School Board.

The motion carried by the following roll call vote: AYES: COUNCILMEN: Drale, Schwab, Isen. NOES: COUNCILMEN: Benstead, Blount.

8. A request from Alter Realty & Insurance Company, signed by Gerald L. Alter, President, dated October 22, 1955, to purchase for a client a parcel of City-owned land.

City Manager Stevens was asked about the property. He said it is in an industrial area, but the City cannot at present deliver a merchantable title.

Councilman Drale moved that the City Manager reply to the letter and that the letter be filed. Motion seconded by Mayor Isen, no objections, so ordered.

9. A request from Harvey Machine Company that the City make a correction of the bad drainage problem at the southwest corner of 190th Street and Western Avenue. This signed by A. W. Hinz, Director of Industrial Relations and dated October 7, 1955.

Mayor Isen directed that copies of this letter should be sent to the Planning Commission for their consideration and recommendations and the letter was ordered filed.

City Manager Stevens agreed to direct the copies to the Planning Commission.

10. Letter from Charles E. Martin, Secretary of the Committee of Mayors of Metropolitan Los Angeles, dated October 28, 1955, enclosing a copy of a suggested ordinance regulating and prohibiting burning of certain materials creating health and smoke hazards, and regulating hours for burning.

After a short discussion among the members of the Council, Mayor Isen ordered this held over for further study, and asked City Manager Stevens to present his recommendations on this at the next regular meeting of the Council on November 15.

11. A communication from the International Association of Fire Fighters, Local No. 1138, signed by Glen A. Price and B. C. Slonecker, dated October 31, 1955, protesting the local firemen having to buy their own bedspreads.

There was some discussion as to established practice in other cities in the area. Information was presented to the Council by City Manager Stevens, who had made a survey to get full information.

It was brought out that if the men paid for the bedspreads, these became their personal property.

Councilman Drale moved that the Fire Chief be instructed to pay for these bedspreads out of the Fire Department budget. Motion, seconded by Councilman Benstead, carried by the following roll call vote: AYES: COUNCILMEN: Benstead, Drale, Isen. NOES: COUNCILMEN: Blount, Schwab.

12. A memorandum from A. H. Bartlett, City Clerk, dated November 4, 1955, regarding material for Council Agenda being brought to the Clerk's office by the departments concerned in each particular matter.

Mayor Isen said he felt the request was in order, and suggested to the City Clerk that he submit copies of the recommendation to the various departments in question.

Recommendations of the City Manager:

TRANSFER OF FUNDS:

1. That \$10,000 be re-transferred from the General Fund to the Park and Recreation Fund.

Councilman Benstead moved to concur with the recommendation of the City Manager. Motion, seconded by Mayor Isen, carried unanimously by roll call vote.

MISCELLANEOUS:

1. Some time ago a letter was received from the Torrance Chamber of Commerce, requesting that the neon sign at Torrance Boulevard and Western Avenue be repaired at a cost of \$215.00 and maintained (sign only) at a cost of \$30.00 per month.

In view of the recent large increase in the amount allocated to the Chamber of Commerce for advertising and publicity, I do not believe that the City should take on this additional burden of advertising. If the Chamber of Commerce does not care to repair and maintain the sign, then I suggest that the sign be flood-lighted in lieu of the neon sign.

Mayor Isen asked who would flood-light the sign under this recommendation, and the City Manager replied that it would be the City. Mr. Stevens said that the City had the flood lights, and he expressed a belief that the neon lighting was too expensive to maintain.

Councilman Blount moved to concur with the recommendation of the City Manager. Motion seconded by Councilman Drale, no objections, so ordered.

2. On January 4, 1955, the City Council agreed to aid in the paving of Anza Avenue between Sepulveda Boulevard and Torrance Boulevard, at a total of not to exceed \$10,000.

In improving Anza Avenue the Kauffman Company carried the paving for the full width between Sepulveda Boulevard and Torrance Boulevard, in order to expedite the construction. They are now asking that the City aid be used in other portions of the subdivision.

I believe their request is a reasonable one and I recommend concurrence.

The City Manager was asked what the approximate cost of paving Anza had been, and replied that while he did not know positively, he would estimate that it had been around \$80,000.

Councilman Drale moved to concur with the recommendation of the City Manager. Motion, seconded by Councilman Schwab, carried by the following roll call vote: AYES: COUNCILMEN: Drale, Schwab, Isen. NOES: COUNCILMEN: Benstead, Blount.

City Manager Stevens made two oral recommendations, as follows:

1. That the City lease the Civil Defense Building located at the City Yard to Alcoholics Anonymous, with the condition that the present users be allowed to continue their schedule until January 1, 1956; that the Alcoholics Anonymous will not use the premises while other activities are in the building; that the City would be held harmless for any activity of the Alcoholics Anonymous; that the responsibility for payment of all utilities be assumed by Alcoholics Anonymous; and that the lease be prepared by the City Attorney, said lease to be subject to termination upon thirty days notice from the City.

Councilman Benstead moved to concur with the recommendation. Motion, seconded by Councilman Drale, no objections, so ordered.

2. In order to keep construction going on the new City Hall and Police Station, it is necessary to use concrete. There is available now concrete which is not black market, but is at a premium price because of the strike. In order to keep the building going, City Manager Stevens recommended that the City participate in a purchase of this concrete not to exceed \$400.

Councilman Drale moved to concur with the recommendation. Motion, seconded by Councilman Schwab, carried by the following roll call vote: AYES: COUNCILMEN: Benstead, Drale, Schwab, Isen. NOES: COUNCILMEN: Blount.

At 8:55 P. M. the Mayor declared a ten-minute recess, with Council re-convening at 9:05 P. M.

ENGINEERING AND PLANNING COMMISSION MATTERS:

1. CASE 364: Transmittal form from Planning Commission recommending approval of Case No. 364, application of Dr. Arthur Berke for Variance to remove existing building and improve parking lot at 1104 Arlington Avenue, being Lot 23, Block 69, Torrance Tract.

Fred L. Wright, of 1023 Arlington Avenue, read a prepared statement protesting this variance, saying he served as spokesman for 31 property owners in the area.

Mr. Landers of 1016 Arlington protested the Variance.

Mae Brooks of 1012 Arlington protested the Variance, saying that there was other property in the area suitable for this use which is for sale.

R. L. Palmer of 1007 Arlington protested the Variance.

Councilman Drale moved that the Variance be denied. Motion seconded by Councilman Benstead.

Councilman Blount asked to go on record as suggesting that this be sent back to the Planning Commission as they requested such matters should be.

Councilman Schwab agreed with Councilman Blount, and asked that the record show this.

Motion carried unanimously by roll call vote.

2. CASE NO. 365: Transmittal form from Planning Commission recommending approval of Case No. 365, application of General Telephone Company of California for Variance to construct a one-story addition to petitioner's existing central office in Land Use Zone R-3, at 650 Palos Verdes Boulevard.

Mayor Isen presented a letter of protest he had received from Mr. R. W. Wolverton.

City Clerk Bartlett read a letter of protest received from the St. Francis Episcopal Church at Puerto Del Norte at Via Rosa, signed by Robert Allen Tourigney, President, and William C. Platt, Treasurer.

Planning Commission transmittal form shows receipt of five letters of protest and a petition bearing forty-six names also protesting.

Planning Commission transmittal form shows receipt of one letter and one telegram asking approval.

Mr. James C. Morrison of 621 Paseo de los Reyes protested the Variance. Mr. Morrison said he represented a group of home owners in the vicinity, and presented an alternate plan for this expansion to Council.

George D. Savage of 102 Calle de Arboles protested the Variance at length, as did Richard Wilson of 109 Calle de Arboles, A. L. Vandermaast of 629 Paseo de los Reyes, Joseph Wall of 106 Calle de Arboles, and Mrs. Morrison of 621 Paseo de los Reyes.

Commander Mason of the Planning Commission was present, and asked Mr. Von Hague and Mr. Hart, who represented the telephone company in the application, if it was true that they would not be able to supply service to the new tracts being erected in that area.

Mr. Von Hague replied that it was anticipated that at the present rate of growth, this area would not be able to get new service after February of 1956, as the facilities will then be completely used up.

Mr. Hart and Mr. Von Hague presented their plea to the Council for this Variance to allow them to expand. They pointed out that it would not be possible for them to serve the area from another installation economically, and that the power poles - mentioned in protests - were there for power service and would remain if the telephone facilities stayed or not.

After a long and thorough discussion, Councilman Drale said he thought both sides of this disagreement had valid arguments; he said he would like to see the telephone company go ahead with the 12,500 square foot building, providing the structure complied with the general architecture of the surrounding area, and providing it was kept on one level. He pointed out that the larger building proposed would not leave room for ample parking.

Mayor Isen said he agreed, and that he felt a matter of public necessity was involved. Nonetheless, he added, the proposed building was not truly suitable for construction in the neighborhood, and he expressed the hope that a more pleasant looking building would be planned.

Councilman Benstead felt that the telephone company had not changed their attitude since their original application made five months ago.

Councilman Schwab said the telephone service for the area was a public necessity, and that something must be done to make the service available to new residents.

Councilman Drale moved this Case No. 365 be sent back to the Planning Commission for further study, and recommended that a committee from that Commission meet with representatives of both the home owners in the area and the telephone company and attempt to arbitrate this disagreement. Motion seconded by Councilman Schwab.

Director Powell of the Planning Commission was present, and said Mr. Morrison had asked for such a meeting.

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Motion to send this back to Planning Commission carried unanimously by roll call vote.

At 10:35 P. M. the Mayor declared a five-minute recess, with the Council re-convening at 10:40 P. M.

3. A recommendation from Ronald Bishop, City Engineer, that bond for \$7,500 covering subdivision improvements in Tract No. 18141 be released to the subdivider, Thomas C. Thornburgh.

City Engineer Bishop was present, and told the Council that the tract in question was at 162nd Street and Taylor Court. This is a small tract and has been finished for some time. He said the release of the bond had been delayed to see if the streets would hold up, and they have done so.

Councilman Drale moved to concur with the recommendation of the City Engineer. Motion, seconded by Mayor Isen, carried by the following roll call vote: AYES: COUNCILMEN: Benstead, Drale, Schwab, Isen. NOES: COUNCILMEN: None. ABSTAIN: COUNCILMEN: Blount.

4. TENTATIVE TRACT MAP NO. 20019. Transmittal form RESUBMITTED recommending approval of Tentative Tract Map No. 20019, located southerly of Redondo Beach Boulevard and westerly of Arlington Avenue, containing 84 lots, submitted by Grand Construction Company. Revised sketch attached showing proposed planning westerly of this tract.

Mr. Spahn of Barclay Engineering Company, representing Grand Construction Company, presented this map to the Council. There was some discussion about the improvement over the original planning which the Council found in this map.

Councilman Drale moved to concur with the recommendation of the Planning Commission in Tract No. 20019 as resubmitted. Motion, seconded by Councilman Benstead, carried unanimously by roll call vote.

5. A letter from Beverly B. Smith, President, and George C. Powell, Director, of the Torrance Planning Commission, regarding CASE NO. 359. (Application of Dresser Equipment Company for Change of Zone at 2410 Carson Street from R-3 and C-1 to M-1, denied by City Council October 25, 1955.)

Councilman Blount asked to have this letter read in full. Clerk Bartlett read the letter.

Councilman Drale asked to have the Planning Commission notified that the majority of the Council was going on record as agreeing with the Planning Commission, with certain stipulations, when the representative of McDonald Brothers told the Council that his company could not compromise further. Under the circumstance, the Council had refused the application.

Councilman Drale so moved. Motion seconded by Councilman Schwab, and it was so ordered.

Mayor Isen said he thought it right for the Council to send matters back to the Planning Commission for further study whenever the Council felt that this would serve any useful purpose.

City Clerk Bartlett read title to:

RESOLUTION NO. 2847

A RESOLUTION OF THE CITY COUNCIL OF THE CITY OF TORRANCE AUTHORIZING THE EXECUTION OF PARKING LEASE BY AND BETWEEN JACK H. PINE AND SUSIE PINE AND THE CITY OF TORRANCE.

Councilman Benstead moved to dispense with further reading of the Resolution. Motion, seconded by Mayor Isen, carried unanimously by roll call vote.

Councilman Benstead moved for adoption of Resolution No. 2847. Motion, seconded by Mayor Isen, carried unanimously by roll call vote.

ORDINANCE NO. 783

AN ORDINANCE OF THE CITY COUNCIL OF THE CITY OF TORRANCE AMENDING LAND USE ORDINANCE NO. 612, RECLASSIFYING THAT CERTAIN PROPERTY DESCRIBED IN PLANNING COMMISSION CASE NO. 360.

Councilman Benstead moved to dispense with further reading of Ordinance No. 783. Motion, seconded by Councilman Drale, carried unanimously by roll call vote.

Councilman Benstead moved for adoption of Ordinance No. 783 at its second and final reading. Motion, seconded by Councilman Drale, carried unanimously by roll call vote.

ORDINANCE NO. 784

AN ORDINANCE OF THE CITY COUNCIL OF THE CITY OF TORRANCE ORDERING THE VACATION OF A CERTAIN PORTION OF REESE ROAD, IN THE CITY OF TORRANCE.

Councilman Drale moved to dispense with further reading of the Ordinance. Motion, seconded by Mayor Isen, carried unanimously by roll call vote.

Councilman Drale moved for adoption of Ordinance No. 784 at its first reading. Motion, seconded by Mayor Isen, carried unanimously by roll call vote.

ORDINANCE NO. 785

AN ORDINANCE OF THE CITY COUNCIL OF THE CITY OF TORRANCE ORDERING THE VACATION OF A CERTAIN PORTION OF VIA COLUSA, IN THE CITY OF TORRANCE.

Councilman Benstead moved to dispense with further reading of the Ordinance. Motion, seconded by Councilman Drale, carried unanimously by roll call vote.

Councilman Benstead moved for the adoption of Ordinance No. 785 at its first reading. Motion, seconded by Councilman Drale, carried unanimously by roll call vote.

ORAL COMMUNICATIONS

Chief of Police Haslam told the Council that it was his understanding that the disagreement between the neighbors on Gramercy about one resident of the street parking trucks there is being taken to the courts.

Councilman Benstead moved that the pedestrian crossing at 182nd Street and Prairie Avenue be marked immediately, as children use this as a school crossing. Motion seconded by Councilman Drale, no objections, and Mayor Isen instructed Chief Haslam to see that this was done at once.

Mayor Isen appointed Rex Hayes, of 421 Calle de Aragon to the Airport Commission to fill the unexpired term of Mr. Hilborn, who resigned as of November 1. No one asked for a roll call on this, so the Mayor confirmed the appointment.

Mr. Mecham, of 621 Oxford Street in Hawthorne, said he had applied to the City for a license to operate taxis in the City of Torrance.

He said that the application had been returned to him once because it was not completely filled out, but that it had been returned to the office of the City Clerk along with letters of recommendation. Mr. Meecham said his insurance complied with that required by the City, and that his was an established business of good repute.

Mayor Isen directed Mr. Meecham to check with City Attorney Hall's office on the application, and Councilman Drale asked the Chief of Police to check on this as well.

Mr. Schlickemyer, of 2267 Sonoma, said he had procured a State license to conduct a driving school, and had business space in a C-2 zone. He said he would apply for a City license, but in the meantime he would like for the Council to go on record as approving his application in order to save time.

Chief of Police Haslam said if Mr. Schlickemyer had fulfilled the State requirements for such a school he could, in all probability, fulfill the requirements of the City of Torrance.

Councilman Drale moved to approve the application of Mr. Schlickemyer, subject to his being in a proper business zone and securing approval of the Chief of Police.

Motion seconded by Mayor Isen, no objection, so ordered.

Mayor Isen asked the City Attorney what had become of the Land Use Ordinance which was to be presented to the Council, and asked that this be presented to Council at the next regular meeting, at 5:30 P. M. November 15.

Councilman Benstead asked about the Civil Service Ordinance, directing his question to City Attorney Hall, who replied that this had been referred to the Civil Service Commission, who were still working on it.

Councilman Blount left the meeting at 11:00 P. M.

Councilman Benstead moved that all bills properly audited be paid. Motion, seconded by Councilman Drale, carried unanimously by roll call vote of those present.

At 11:05 P. M., Mayor Isen adjourned to Thursday, November 10, 1955, at 5:15 P. M.

A. H. Barthol

City Clerk of the City of Torrance

APPROVED:

Albert Isen

Mayor of the City of Torrance